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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24 and Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, www.curehunger.

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Hoosiers 40 and older now eligible for vaccine

As of Tuesday, 6,729 in Wabash County had received at least their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Starting Monday, Hoosiers eligible to receive a free als in those under 18. COVID-19 vaccine.

The Indiana State Depart- conference make the vaccine available 12- to 16-year-olds.

to more than 400,000 additional Hoosiers.

comes available," said the ISDH.

week's announcement that those 45 and older are being eligible for the vaccine.

ages 40 and older became they had begun vaccine tri-

Wednesday, ment of Health (ISDH) said March 17, state health comon Saturday that this expan- missioner Dr. Kristina Box those ages 40 to 44 will were studying the effects in

This expansion comes be working hopefully at the tered Thursday alone. quickly on the heels of last end of the year here to get 16 and above vaccinated besome of the adolescents vac-

sion of eligibility to include said "several" companies ple had been fully vaccinat- & Johnson vaccine. ed in Wabash County, with 18 second doses having

back in the fall."

in the schools when we come

"We hope to have that in- been administered locally formation out this summer. on Thursday alone. Also as "Additional groups will be I think that other younger of Tuesday, 6,729 people added as more vaccine be- children and certainly the in- locally had received at least fants will be more in the fall their first dose, with 35 of time," said Box. "We will those having been adminis-

As of Tuesday, a total of 2,439,523 doses have been fore they leave school, to get administered in Indiana. all of those kids in college This includes 1,469,362 first Looking ahead, Moderna vaccinated before they head doses and 970,161 individuannounced last week that home. And then work over als who are fully vaccinated. the summer potentially to get The fully vaccinated number represents individuals During a televised press cinated and still be working who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who As of Tuesday, 4,902 peo- received the single Johnson

See VACCINE, page A10

New WPD probationary officer sworn in



Wabash Police Department (WPD) probationary officer Adam R. Kneubuhler is officially sworn in during Monday's Wabash City Council meeting.

Adam R. Kneubuhler is the second new hire to begin duties so far in 2021

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, Adam R. Kneubuhler became the second Wabash Police Department (WPD) probationary so far in 2021.

Mayor Scott Long's as-

administered Burnsworth the oath because Long was unavailable.

officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said Kneubuhler grew up in Kendallville and gradofficer to begin their duties uated from East Noble High School in 2010.

in Wabash.

"Officer Kneubuhler has WPD public information liminary training over the with applications having ing on patrol soon," said Benson.

new officers, Kneubuhler during 2021 was Gareth L. Benson said Kneubuhler is will be required to attend sistant Bev Vanderpool said married and has one child, the Indiana Law Enforce-

At Large Councilman John and all three of them reside ment Academy within his

first year. The position had been completed his 40-hour pre- advertised earlier this year, last week and will be start- been accepted through Friday, Feb. 26.

The first probationary Benson said as with all WPD officer to be sworn in

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Wabash River Trail project to be completed in next few months

Local funding announced in the first round of DNR's Next Level Trails program

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Resources (DNR).

A years-long project meant to expand trail access in Wabash County is set to be completed in the next few months, according to the Indiana Department of Natural

Earlier this month, the second round of funding in the state's Next Level Trails was announced during a televised press conference featuring Gov. Eric Holcomb and DNR director Dan Bort-

Though no Wabash County projects were awarded funds in the second round, there was during the first round, which was announced in May 2019.

That \$1.2 million local grant was meant to connect a section of the Wabash River Trail in Lagro to the existing trail system in Paradise Spring Historical Park in Wabash.

This local grant was one of 17 trail projects during the first round, including 10 regionally significant and seven locally significant projects announced.

Thursday, During the March 4 televised press conference, Bortner said he didn't have an update about the status of the Wabash River Trail project.

However, afterward, Bicentennial Nature Trust Program director Mark Becker said the project was well on its way to completion.

"The Wabash River Trail is currently under construction, on track to be fully completed in late summer or early

fall," said Becker. Becker said paving is complete on some portions of the trail already, and the first two 65-foot pre-fabricated bridges were set in place in

December 2020. "Two additional bridges will be in place later this summer," said Becker.

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After delay, Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April

Event to raise scholarship funds for Northfield, Southwood, Wabash seniors

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser, but the show will still go on next month.

Bev Vanderpool said they usually hold the annual event in February each year, but the virus had caused them

to delay until April this time around.

Vanderpool said the Spring Gala Fundraiser will include 'great food, a dessert auc-

tion and dancing." The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available.

Vanderpool COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening.

See GALA, page A10 Anita Roos and Jennifer Whetstone create decorations for the Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser.



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Holcomb lifting statewide mask mandate in 2 weeks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's governor announced Tuesday he would lift the statewide mask mandate and remaining COVID-19 business restrictions in two

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb said in a speech from his Statehouse office that the state's steep declines in coronavirus hospitalization and deaths rates along with the growing number of people fully vaccinated justify the steps starting April 6.

Holcomb said he hoped the state was seeing the "tail end of this pandemic" that has killed nearly 13,000 people in the state over the past year.

The date for ending the mask mandate was picked to coincide with the ending of the NCAA men's basketball tournament now being held in Indianapolis and to allow more time for people with at-risk health conditions to get vaccine shots, Holcomb said.

Local officials would still have the authority to impose tougher restrictions in response to COVID-19 cases in their communities and

rest of this school year, Holcomb said

He urged residents to continue wearing masks in public and that bars and restaurants continue to space out their tables.

While Holcomb has faced public pressure and from conservative state lawmakers to ease restrictions, especially after governors in Texas and other states have done so recently, he didn't make any bold victory announcements and asked residents to respect rules adopted by businesses and others.

'Whether that is a bank branch lobby, on the factory floor or a county courthouse or city hall, they retain the authority to make decisions about COVID restrictions for their operations and should be afforded the respect, compliance and understanding of all who visit them," Holcomb said. "When I visit my favorite restaurants or conduct a public event, I will continue to appropriately wear a mask, it's the right thing to do."

But some health experts worry it is premature to lift the statewide restrictions,

required in K-12 schools for crease in hospitalizations and deaths the state saw beginning in September after the governor lifted most business restrictions before reinstating crowd limits several weeks later.

'We put a lot of restrictions in place last year, there was some initial hesitation by some parts of the population to comply with some of those orders," said Brian Dixon, an epidemiologist at Indiana University's Fairbanks School of Public Health. "And then what we saw in the fall is that rates went up, they skyrocketed because people were not following precautions."

Holcomb said the state would open up vaccine eligibility for all residents 16 and older starting March 31 and that additional mass vaccination clinics were being planned for April.

public The governor's health emergency for the state will remain in place through April, which Holcomb said would allow state officials to take quick action if needed and gives the state access to hundreds of millions of dollars in federal

Indiana extends tax filing deadline following federal delay

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) announced an extension Monday to the 2020 Indiana individual income tax filing deadline, allowing Hoosiers more time to navigate tax situations amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

An executive order signed by the Republican governor delays state individual income tax filings and payments from April 15 to May 17. All other tax return filings and payment due dates remain unchanged.

The tax schedule delay aligns the state with the fedto file and pay federal individual income tax until May

"By aligning with the IRS filing deadline, we are ensuring we are making filing and paying taxes as easy as possible for Hoosiers," said Îndiana Department of Revenue Commissioner Bob Grennes.

Individuals are still encouraged to files taxes electronically to ensure accuracy and faster refunds, Grennes con-

Those who are unable to penalties and interest.

eral government, which last file by the May 17 deadline Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb week extended the deadline can file an extension directly with the state department of revenue or with the Internal Revenue Service. If the IRS extension is granted, the Indiana extension is automatically granted.

Extensions move the federal tax filing deadline to Oct. 15, and the Indiana filing deadline to Nov. 15.

Extension only shift the filing deadline and not the payment deadline, however. Ninety percent of the taxes owed are still required to be paid by May 17 to avoid

Gen Con delays annual gaming convention in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A gaming convention that draws tens of thousands of visitors to Indianapolis has pushed back the annual gathering amid plans to make it a hybrid event due to the coronavirus pan-

The Seattle-based Gen Con convention will run Sept. 16-19, instead of Aug. 5-8 as originally planned, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

Gen Con typically draws about 70,000 people to the Indiana Convention Center each

year, but organizers canceled last year's in-person convention because of the pandemic in favor of online offerings. Indianapolis will host Gen Con through 2026.

In a statement on Gen Con's website, event organizers said they believe the calendar change is the "best approach both to meet the many challenges of the moment and to explore possibilities for the

Gen Con said it plans to offer an in-person convention with capped attendance, at-home

events through the convention website and live-streaming services, and through partnerships with local game stores for pop-up activities.

The convention said it plans to "adapt to conditions as they are in September," but the total in-person attendance will be determined by the Marion County Public Health Department.

"Convention planning happens on a long timeline, and we appreciate your continued patience as we tread these murky waters," the group said.

Opening set for new Gary casino after investigation's delays

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A new \$300 million casino stake in the new Hard Rock in northwestern Indiana is set to open in mid-May after delays caused by a state investigation into allegations of financial wrongdoings by the casino developer's former top executive.

The Indiana Gaming Commission on Tuesday also approved a settlement with a \$530,000 fine against Indianapolis-based Spectacle Entertainment over missing by 53 days a deadline for ex-company CEO Rod Rat-

cliff to sell his ownership Casino Northern Indiana in

Ratcliff agreed in early March to also permanently give up his state casino license after a couple decades as a heavyweight in Indiana's gambling industry.

Hard Rock Casino executive Jon Lucas said the new casino was expected to open to the public on May 15. The new casino along Interstate 80/94 will replace the existing Majestic Star casino

along Lake Michigan.

The developer of the planned \$125 million casino in Terre Haute told the commission that a late April groundbreaking is planned for the project.

Ratcliff and another former Spectacle executive were forced last year to give up their ownership stake in the Terre Haute casino to business partner Greg Gibson after they faced allegations of making illegal political campaign contributions with casino company money.

Drag strip closes its gates after 63 years

OSCEOLA (AP) — A northern Indiana drag strip has closed its gates after more than six decades of playing host to drag races.

The Osceola Dragway announced Friday in a Facebook post that it will not be opening for the 2021 season and that "after 63 years, our gates will be permanently closed."

Track officials wrote that the decision to close the site "was not an easy one" but said the coronavirus pandemic had impacted ongoing efforts that began in 2016 to sell the property, which is located

a few miles west of Elkhart. The International Hot Rod Association-sanctioned track had opened for a pandem-

ic-shortened season in 2020, The Elkhart Truth reported. Ryan Gortney, a longtime racer at the track, said in a statement that he was "devas-

tated and in disbelief" by the

dragway's closure. The track was founded in 1957 and features a quarter-mile drag strip through the center of the 170-acre property, with adjacent bleachers.

Plans were announced in late 2019 to expand and transform the dragway under new ownership into the Hoosier Motorsports and Business Park, which would have boasted a test track, additional bleachers and office space.





Thursday

Few Showers 66 / 44

Sun and Moon

Few Showers

Today's sunset 7:59 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 7:38 a.m.

Showers Likely

56/39

Partly Cloudy Few Showers

65 / 45 58 / 36 **Detailed Local Outlook**

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 58%. South wind 15 to 19 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 50°. South wind 3 to 17 mph.

Wabash VFW Post No. 286 to host tenderloin dinner Friday

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 26 at available. 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford The menu will include hand-breaded ten-

derloin, potato salad and coleslaw.

The cost will be \$9 per person. The event (VFW) Post No. 286 will host a tenderloin will be open to the public. Carryout will be

Ford said the event will follow COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Let's find common ground

6 Tmagine feeling so alienated from Lyour body that you would consider taking cross-sex hormones and removing your genitals. That's the tragic situation that many people with gender dysphoria experience. They aren't faking it, and they didn't actively choose it."

That's how a recent op-ed from Ryan T.

Kathryn Lopez



Anderson began. And it is the kind of compassionate spirit that animates his book "When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment," which has been recently banned from Amazon.

Anderson, a former fellow at the Heritage Foundation and current president of the Ethics and Public Policy

Center, is no man of the left. But gender dysphoria is uniting people of all political stripes. As it should. I recently watched on Twitter as women on the left expressed regret that they had to link to a post by my courageous and tenacious colleague Madeleine Kearns on National Review's website because no one else will write about these issues honestly.

Maddy was writing about the Senate confirmation hearings for Department of Health and Human Services official Dr. Rachel Levine, during which Rand Paul asked some very basic questions about children and gender transitioning, some of which Levine refused to answer. That seems worthy of acknowledgment, and, dare I say it, discussion!

As Anderson writes in the postscript to the paperback edition of "When Harry Became Sally," he hosted a forum of which "(o)ne of the organizers needed to remain anonymous, because she has a teenage daughter who was four years into the process of transitioning. Throughout that time she's been trying to get left-leaning media and think tanks and professional associations to take seriously the concerns coming from the left about transgender policy, and instead she's found herself and her colleagues essentially deplatformed."

As Anderson noted, "We likely disagree about abortion, gay marriage, taxes, trade, foreign policy -- just to name a few." But, he continued: "(W)here we do agree, we can and should work together.'

Specifically, in regard to the media, Anderson writes: "They don't care about the damage being done to young people's bodies and minds – in fact they celebrate it as a civil right. They don't care about the privacy and safety and equality of girls when boys who identify as girls can share female-only spaces - like showers and locker rooms and bathrooms – or when boys who identity as girls can participate in female athletic competitions. They don't care about the ability of doctors to practice good medicine when bad medicine becomes mandated as a civil right, while good medicine becomes outlawed as a civil wrong. And they don't care about the rights of parents to find the best care for their kids."

While I have no interest in discriminating against anyone, we're at a moment when the media and so much of the Democratic party, the corporate world and popular culture consider affirming transgender ideology a tenet of secular faith.

People on the right are often disparaged as anti-science on something like abortion, which always seems to be quite bizarre and outright dishonest, when we can see on a sonogram what we are dealing with in a pregnancy – a developing human. And now we are talking about mutilating

children. My heart breaks for those who are legitimately suffering gender dysphoria. As with many hardships I don't suffer, I well know there but by the grace of God go I. But when we glamorize transitioning, and encourage children to do so, we are talking child abuse. Biological boys playing on girls' teams? Foster-care and adoption services banished for having traditional views that Barack Obama, Joe Biden and all of mainstream America believed about 10 seconds ago, relatively speaking? Can we please unite together against ideological tyranny here? While we may not agree, we should at least be free to voice dissent, hold debates and discuss compromises like reasonable people without fear of being canceled.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@ nationalreview.com.

BMV adding 5 languages for written test

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — 29. Four additional languagavailable to prospective motorists for taking their state driver's license written ex-

the first of five new languag-

The Indiana Bureau of Mo- es-Hindi, Croatian, Serbian, tor Vehicles says five more and Tagalog - will be addlanguages will be added in ed in the coming months as the coming months to those translations and peer reviews are completed. "Because ASL will be avail-

able in our computer-based system it will eliminate the American Sign Language, requirement for these exams to be scheduled in advance," es, will be available March BMV Commissioner Peter

Lacy said in a news release. Written exams, formerly offered on paper, have been completed on computer terminals since 2013.

All non-English translations of the exam are completed by certified translators and undergo a peer-review process prior to publication.

The written exams currently are available in 14 languages.

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Obituaries

John Ellison Hammons

March 18, 1957 - March 21, 2021

John Ellison Hammons, 64, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on March 21, 2021 at his home. Born on March 18, 1957 in Newport, Kentucky, John was the son of the late Glen and Emma Jane (Bailey) Hammons.

On March 12, 1977 John married Patricia Hooker. During their time together, they had two children, Brian and Amanda Hammons. For over twenty years John supported the family as a truck driver for Pierceton Trucking Company. He also helped build homes and worked on construction projects. Although John worked hard, he also liked to relax with his family, especially his grandchildren. His family and friends always enjoyed his gift of storytelling, and his sense of humor brought joy to those around him. However, John would also stand up for it came to family.

The precious memory of chester, Indiana. John Hammons will be for-Hammons; son, Brian (Sonya) Hammons, North Man-(Jason) Ward, Fort Wayne; brothers, Glen (Connie) Hammons, Energy, Illinois and Ed (Sue) Purvis, Wabash, Indiana; sisters, Mary Kline and mons has entrusted McKee Marea (Allen) Kline, both of North Manchester; two grand- ments. children, Kean and Keshawn was preceded in death by his com



parents, Glen Hammons and Emma Jane Purvis; and brother-in-law, Ron Kline.

Family and friends may call Friday, March 26, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate. Burial will be what was right and just when at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Man-

For those who wish to honever cherished by Patricia or the memory of John Hammons, a love offering may be made to McKee Mortuary, chester; daughter, Amanda 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana 46962 to assist with final ex-

The family of John Ham-Mortuary with final arrange-

Condolences Ward; and his cat Rush. John emailed to mckeemortuary.

Jim Dean Krom

Dawes was the musician.

son, Terry Krom, daugh- ter's Cemetery, Urbana.

Services for Jim Dean Krom, ter-in-law, Carla Krom, and 82, of rural Urbana, Indiana brother-in-law, Larry Frieden. ren, involved in music and at Manchester Church of were 2 p.m., Friday, March Pallbearers were Nick Krom, various other activities. the Brethren's YouTube 19, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hent- Andrew Krom, Steve Powell, gen Funeral Service, Wabash. Cody Chamberlain, Kris Bie-Brian Chamberlain and Larry hl, and Calvin Gish. Honor-Wade officiated and Janene ary Pallbearers were Jeremy Krom, Larry Frieden and Bill Phyllis and his family. They ternational (heifer.org), one Memories were shared by Greer. Burial was in St. Pe- attended many Church of of Art's favorite charities.

George Arthur Hunn Jr.

April 22, 1932 - Feb. 28, 2021

George Arthur Hunn Jr., known as "Art," was born on April 22, 1932 in North Manchester, IN to George and Dorothy (Metzger) Hunn. Art was the second of five children, and was preceded in death by both brothers and one sister.

At Jefferson High School, near Dayton, OH, Art participated in FFA, drama, basketball, choir and band (playing trombone), and graduated in 1950. He studied at Manchester College from 1950 to 1954, graduating with a BA in Speech and Drama. He earned his Master of Divinity at Bethany Theological Seminary in Chicago in 1957.

Dec. 19, 1953.

Art and Phyllis's children and Julie (Bill) Baxter, all also have four grandchildren, Matt (Lindsey) Unger, Amy (Kyle Leffel) Unger, Lauren Baxter, and great-grandchildren, Ayla and Lennon Leffel, Lilly and Grayson Unger, and Holden Wigglesworth.

Art served as a Church of the Brethren pastor in after 44 years of pastoring, Art and Phyllis retired and moved back to North Manchester. There they became his family and friends. members of the Manchester Church of the Breth-They moved to Timbercrest Retirement Community in



the Brethren Annual Conferences and visited the Holy Land and Europe together. Art and Phyllis were trained as disaster child care volunteers, serving in Art and Phyllis Heeter New Orleans and other lowere married at the Elkhart cations. Art also participat-Church of the Brethren on ed in mission trips to Nicaragua and Honduras.

Art had a passion for beare Becky (Dennis) Ung- ing active through walker, Jeff (Jane Cross) Hunn, ing, bicycling, tennis and pickleball. He was also an of North Manchester. They avid reader, chess player, chapel speaker, and choir member.

Art cared deeply for others, getting to know them Megan Baxter, and five and sharing a laugh. He modeled gratitude to God and finding joy in each day. He persisted through sicknesses and in spite of his deep grief at losing Phyllis on Oct. 8, 2015. Meyersdale, PA, Aurora, Always looking to serve, IL and Polo, IL. In 2000, he requested that his body be donated to Indiana University Medical Center. Art will be greatly missed by

> Art's memorial vice can be be accessed channel. (https://youtu.be/ VsNogv9M_2Y)

Memorial contributions Art loved to travel with may be made to Heifer In-



Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was administered at a FEMA COVID-19 vaccination site at Miami Dade College North Campus. Some states are seeing delays in the distribution of the vaccine.

Johnson & Johnson under pressure to deliver promised vaccine doses to states

By EMILY KOPP CQ-Roll Call (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Johnson & Johnson is under prescate they are receiving few or March. no shots this week and have no idea how much they'll get

a time when the demand for their first shipments. vaccines continues to overwhelm supply, a weary countion sites operated by the try braces for the spread of Federal Emergency Manageviral variants and hundreds of ment Agency plan to shift to people die from COVID-19 each day. It raises questions shots of other vaccines as the about how successful the Johnson & Johnson supply company was in meeting a runs low. central goal of the massive U.S. investment in vaccine shipped some doses to phardevelopment: to manufacture macies after its Food and sufficient supplies of shots Drug Administration authobefore they were proven rization, so the small distri-effective in order to hit the butions to states are not a ground running.

The delays could undercut vaccinations in rural and low-income areas without ferred questions about how access to deep freezers need- many Johnson & Johnson ed for one of the two other doses will be distributed by authorized vaccines. Johnson & Johnson's single-dose Health and Human Services. shot is helpful in those places HHS did not respond. since it's durable for three months in the refrigerator.

more transparent by giving states three weeks' notice of upcoming supply.

states they expect supply to pick up but have acknowledged uncertainty.

'We are going to see a nice for the COVID-19 response team, said Monday. He declined to give precise numbers on the quantity of dos-

"I wouldn't signal to you away from the numbers that they have projected at all, give or take a little bit," he said. "Obviously, we're holding them accountable and working closely with

The 20 million target was revised down from the 37 million vaccine doses the company initially set out to deliver by the end of March under the contract it signed last year.

If the 37 million doses are delayed by longer than a 30day grace period, the government can decline to pay for any supplies that have not aris not a big enough stick to compel the company to make doses on time.

Johnson & Johnson said it expects to hit the 20 million target.

"The company has begun shipping its COVID-19 vaccine and expects to deliver enough single-shot vaccines by the end of March to enmore than 20 million people in the U.S.," said Srey Dasgupta, a Johnson & Johnson spokesperson. Dasgupta tion. did not respond to a question about the original goal.

The government has dedthe vaccine, according to the Congressional Research Ser-

are many challenges in scal-

ing up in a pandemic, while others say the industry is not incentivized to invest in innovative methods.

Arizona, Washington state sure to deliver its promised and Indiana officials all said 20 million vaccine doses by they didn't know how much next week, as several state Johnson & Johnson vaccine public health officials indi- to expect through the end of

Kentucky, Idaho and Wyoming say they expect some doses this week, but the The uncertainty comes at amounts are a fraction of In Florida, mass vaccina-

> administering only second The federal government

complete picture of supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention re-April 1 to the Department of

The delivery schedule spelled out under the contract The bumpy supply also is that 2 million doses should jeopardizes President Joe have been delivered by Feb. Biden's promise, made days 1; another 10 million doses after his inauguration, to be by March 1; and another 25 million by April 1, totaling 37 million doses by April.

The contract calls for two Federal officials have told batches of 25 million more doses to be delivered by May 1 and June 1. A final batch of 13 million is due by July 1.

Doses are deemed on time, increase in Johnson & John- the contract reads, "to the son this week," Andy Slavitt, extent that they are made up White House senior adviser to 30 calendar days after the applicable delivery date, due to delays related to manufacturing, testing, or release."

The deal was reached under Operation Warp Speed, the Trump administration Pentathat they're going to be far gon-HHS team that led vaccine development and manufacturing.

Critics say the contract should have provided more of a deterrent to delays amid a worldwide scramble for

"The Trump administration signed deals that allowed the companies to say the doses will come when they come, with little consequence," said Zain Rizvi, a Public Citizen with the U.S. government legal researcher specializing in pharmaceuticals.

Advocates for global vaccine access say the company could do more by sharing the vaccine "recipe," patented details about how to make rived, but advocates say that the vaccine, with more companies, but that Johnson & Johnson is withholding its proprietary information to protect profits.

> "The shortages are the entirely predictable result of handing one corporation a monopoly over taxpayer-funded knowledge," Rizvi

Johnson & Johnson, with able the full vaccination of help from the Trump and Biden administrations, recently reached a deal with Merck to scale up produc-

"These two companies, competitors, have come together for the good of the icated about \$1.5 billion to nation, and they should be applauded for it. It's truly a national effort, just like we saw during World War II," Some experts stress there Biden said in a prime-time speech.

Eleanor 'Ellie' Draper

Oct. 12, 1938 - March 21, 2021

Eleanor "Ellie" Draper, ive Branch Bible Study. She children, Jeff (Beth) Drap- Indiana. She was preceded 82, of Roann, Indiana, died also belonged to the Roann er of Noblesville, Indiana, in death by her parents, and at 9:41 pm, Sunday, March Community Heritage, the Jennifer Draper of War- a great-grandson, Lawson 21, 2021 at her home. She Happy Homemakers Home saw, Indiana, and Jeannine Garcia. was born Oct. 12, 1938 in Economics Club, and the Draper Cooley of Roann; Graveside services and Wabash, Indiana, to James Valley Rich Red Hat Soci- pseudo daughter, Deb- burial will be 10 a.m. Saturand Vera Friederika (Gray) ety. Ellie was recognized as bie (David) Williams of day, March 27, 2021, at the Van Buskirk. Ellie was a 1956 graduate of Roann High School. She attended Purdue University, Sesquicentennial Commit-Earlham College, received her bachelor's degree in 1960, from Manchester College, and her Masters degree dale Mill Association. Ellie in 1966 from Ball State Unienjoyed her children, grandversity. Ellie was a teacher, children, family reunions, and owned and operated Van

sports.

six She is survived by three (Ross) Burdge of Akron, com.

nature walks, reading, sewing, flower gardens, bird der Burcham, and Isabella and squirrel watching, and

great-grandchildren, Karter Stafford, Korbin the Roann Carnegie Public Stafford, Kenzi Stafford, Library or Roann Commu-Preston Burcham, Xan- nity Heritage. Draffen, all of Hunting- for Ellie may be signed at ton; and her sister, Priscilla www.grandstaff-hentgen.

Indiana Homemaker of the Roann; four grandchildren, Roann Community Cem-Year Top Ten. She served as Rebecca (Drew) Burcham etery, with David Laborde Chairperson of the Roann of Huntington, Indiana, officiating. Friends may Kyle Draper of Noblesville, call 5-8 p.m. Thursday, at tee in 2003, and volunteered Paige Cooley of Frank- Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann, at the Roann Carnegie Pub- fort, Indiana, and Lauren Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa lic Library and the Stock- Draper of Noblesville; Road, Roann, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are

The memorial guest book

Margaret Arloene Metzger

98, North Manchester, died March 20, 2021. Arloene was born on Oct. 26, 1922 in Kosciusko County.

Buskirk Insurance Agency

in Roann from 1985 – 2000.

She was a member of Olive

Branch Church, and the Ol-

Arloene is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Kelly) March 24, 2021 from calling beginning at 9 a.m ments.

Margaret Arloene Metzger, Metzger and Keith (Priscil- 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McKee at McKee Mortuary. Burial la) Metzger; daughter, Carol Mortuary, 1401 State Road, will be at Ulrey Memorial (Rodney) Rooney; sixteen 114 West, North Manches- Cemetery, Silver Lake, Ingrandchildren, and twen- ter. Funeral services will diana. ty-six great-grandchildren. Calling

begin on Thursday, March Wednesday, 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. with trusted with final arrange-

McKee Mortuary is en-

AP-NORC POLL

Learning setbacks a top concern for parents

By COLLIN BINKLEY and HANNAH FINGERHUT

Associated Press

BOSTON Parents across the U.S. are conflicted about reopening schools. Most are at least somewhat worried that a return to the classroom will lead to more coronavirus cases, but there's an even deeper fear that their children are falling behind in school while at home.

Sixty-nine percent of parents are at least somewhat concerned that their children will face setbacks in school because of the coronavirus pandemic, including 42 percent who say they're very or extremely worried about it, according to a new poll from The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

son instruction will lead to ementary schools open five Sanchez said. Naomi logs more people being infected, days a week in his adminisbut it's only 33 percent who tration's first 100 days. Even say they are very or extremely worried about the risk.

fears of a nation on the cusp of a widespread return to classroom teaching. More than a year after the pandemic started, more schools are now opening their doors to students or plan to do so in coming weeks.

Parents' concerns about their children falling behind were even stronger in an AP-NORC poll last July, after the school year was interrupted in the spring by the burgeoning pandemic. Concerns about the spread of the virus in general also have ticked down to a low point as many look hopefully to a chance to ease back to normal.

Pressure to reopen schools has come from parents, state Nearly as many, 64 percent, officials and President Joe say they are at least some- Biden, who has vowed to what concerned that in-per- have most of the nation's el-

as many schools already offer some level of in-person That tension reflects the teaching, there's growing demand to bring students back every day. For parents, concerns

about the pandemic's impact go beyond academics – most also worry at least some that their children will fall behind socially and lose access to school sports and other activities, the poll found.

Maria Sanchez, a mother of four in Hawthorne, California, said the past year has been especially trying for her youngest daughter, Naomi, who's now in sixth grade. Before the pandemic, Naomi was a star student who mostly earned As and Bs. But since classes moved online last year, it hasn't been uncommon to see Ds on her report cards, Sanchez

"It just seems so hard for her to understand anything,"

on for every class, she added, but the comfort of home makes it harder to focus. "She doesn't take notes. She's not writing anything," Sanchez said. "She's not learning anything.'

Sanchez welcomed the recent news that Naomi's school is planning a return to classroom instruction. But her relief was joined by fears about the virus spreading within the school district, where she works as a food services manager.

"Even though I'm happy they're opening the school and my daughter gets to go back and do her best, I'm still concerned about the virus," she said.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,076 adults was conducted Feb. 25-March 1 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

Southwood outpaced by Kouts in semi-state

The 86-70 loss finishes the Knights' season; 5 seniors to graduate

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Frankfort Times Freelance Reporter

Southwood's boys basketball team traveled to Lafayette Jeff High School on Saturday afternoon to take on No. 3 Kouts High School in what became their final game of the season as they lost 86-70.

Following the game, Southwood head coach John Burrus reflected on his team's continual effort throughout the game despite Kouts high powered offense.

"We've grown into a winning team this year," Burrus said. "Our kids really sustained our effort. We made a run at them late and didn't quit. ... Our kids made some adjustments, slowed them down in the second half and I was really proud of that effort."

Saturday's game opened up with both teams getting up and down the floor as Southwood scored by committee with Carson Rich and Dawson Filip got the Knights going on offense with back-to-back buckets inside.

Carson Rich finished with a game-high 30 points while Cole Winer aided the Southwood offense with 20.

Kouts took Southwood's best shot in the opening eight minutes as they scored 27 in the first quarter while shooting 47 percent from the field in the first half.

However, the Mustangs fastpaced offense troubled Southwood all game long, something that Coach Burrus believed was a combination of their length and athletic ability along with the talent of the Wireman twins.

"They're good athletes. They've got length and really good guard play. Their guards complement each other and then with the Kneifel twins down low with all of that length. They can see over our traps and made it hard to get a pinch," he said.

Kouts two sets of twins in the Wireman brothers and Kneifel brothers combined for 81 percent of the team's scoring in the win with the Wireman's compiling 55 points together.

After going into halftime trailing 50-42, Southwood came out in the second half and held the Mustangs to 36 points. The Knights continued to struggle on offense as they shot just 28 percent from the field in the third and fourth quarters.

Midway through the fourth, Rich and Winer tried to bridge the deficit that had widened between the opposition when they went on a 6-0 run. Both players found open looks inside while Rich made successful trips to the line but the lead that had ballooned to 16 in the fourth was too much to overcome.

The 86-70 semistate loss will finish a Southwood season that graduates five seniors but Coach Burrus believes that the program's future looks bright.

"This will impact our program for years to come," Burrus said. "When you make a run like this, you see young kids get that look in their eyes. ... Win or lose, they're in it together, in it for Southwood and that's how our program is and that's what it will be moving forward."

Clay Maxfield, Frankfort Times freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

By the numbers

MUSTANGS 86, KNIGHTS 70

at Lafayette Jeff
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Three-point goals – Kouts (Co. Wireman 1, Ca. Wireman 2), Southwood (Ca. Winer 2, Ca. Rich 4). Total fouls – Kouts 19, Southwood 19.

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utes as they scored 27 in the first Alex Farr is one of the five graduating seniors on the Southwood team.

Photos by Glay Maxileid / Frankfort Time



of the team's scoring in the win with the Wireman's compiling 55 Alex Farr, Southwood's No. 10, goes for the shot.



Carson Rich, No. 14 for Southwood, finished with a game-high 30 points.



Carson Rich is another of Southwood's five graduating seniors.



Carson Rich got the Knights going on offense.



Carson Rich goes for the shot.



Connor Rich, No. 24 for Southwood, goes for the shot.



Dawson Filip, Southwood's No. 32, makes a break for it.



Southwood's Dawson Filip is another of the five graduating seniors on the team.

Spartans earn split with Defiance

Bats break out in Game 2

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team overcame a late deficit by scoring eight runs in the home half of the eighth inning in Game 2 of Satursplit with the Yellow Jackets. The victory also ended a sixgame skid for the Black and

Manchester opened Saturday's doubleheader with fenses come alive. three runs in the bottom of the

Defiance slowly chipped held their advantage until the away at the Spartans' lead, eventually taking a one-run lead in the top of the 4th in-

Game 1 up in the fourth, Defiance retook the lead for good in the top of the fifth inning.

Carter Hooks, from Rochester, was terrific in relief. throwing four scoreless inhit and stuck out 10 of the 14 batters he faced.

doubleheader saw both of-

early 3-0 lead and the visitors gles in the inning.

bottom of the 8th.

Manchester exploded for After the Spartans tied rendered 8 runs in the 8th to the right-center. Brady Pe-

> Joe Henschel, from Huntertown and Carroll High home run and 2 RBI. School, tied the game at seven with an RBI single to left. The flood gates opened

day's doubleheader to earn a nings. Hooks didn't allow a from there as Alex Morr, up his first win in relief. from Bryan, Ohio, Hunter After a fairly pedestrian South Decatur High School, opener, Game 2 of Saturday's and Austin Knowles, from March 24, at 4 p.m. at Gratz Nassau, Bahamas, and Ath- Field. ens Christian High School in The Yellow Jackets took an Georgia, all hit two-run sin-

The Spartans pumped out 19 hits in Game 2. Austin Knowles went 4-6 with three eight runs as three different runs scored. Joe Henschel Yellow Jacket relievers sur- also hit a three-run home run rez, from Rochester, went a perfect 4-4 in Game 2 with a

> Keegan Stevens, from Rennselaer, and Rennselaer Central High School, picked

Manchester (3-7, Seegers, from Westport, and HCAC) will host Bluffton in a single game on Wednesday,

> Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester falls to Hanover in men's soccer action

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University Spartans hosted the Hanover College Panthers in Spartan Stadium on Saturday, March 20. The visiting Panthers came away with a 4-0 victory as Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play continued for both schools.

early in the contest, netting a goal in the fourth minute. Josh Hughes scored his fifth goal of the season to put the other goal in the 16th minute ter University.

when Luke Eppler was able to find the back of the net.

The visiting Panthers would double their advantage with goals in the 74th and 83rd

minutes. On the day, HC outshot Manchester 10-3 and held a slight lead in corner kicks taken at 4-1.

Manchester Hanover got on the board HCAC) will host rival Anderson University on Wednesday, March 24. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports Panthers ahead. HC added an- information director at Manches-

Spartans fall to Knights on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team dropped a non-conference doubleheader to visiting Calvin University at the MU Softball Field on Saturday, March 20.

The Knights captured Game 1 of today's doubleheader by a final score of 2-1 lead in Game 2 following a two-run 11-1 in six innings. CU took Game 2

Calvin had a pair of big innings in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, in as many games.

scoring six runs in the top of the fourth

Manchester was limited to just four hits in the opening game.

Kirsten Krause struck out seven batters for Calvin in Game 1.

Manchester was staked out to an early Huntington and Huntington North High day, March 23. School. It was Douglass' third home run

Calvin would take the lead in the top inning and five runs in the top of the of the 3rd inning after plating a trio of runs. The Knights would add 8 runs in the top of the 7th. Alexis Mokos, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, went 3-4 in Game 2 and is batting a team-best .647 (11-17) through six games this season.

The Spartans (1-5) traveled to nationhome run from Kodi Douglass, from ally-ranked Trine University on Tues-

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Spartans turned away by Yellow Jackets

Manchester will now gear up for Saturday's Bronze Ball game against rival Anderson

By DILLON BENDER

football team fell in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference action on the road at Defiance College on Satur- responded with a 47-yard day, March 20.

The Yellow Jackets came away with five critical take- PAT was blocked by a host aways on the afternoon en of Spartans and returned by route to a 22-16 victory. The Spartans fumbled twice and had three passes intercepted High School, for a safety. The on a 19-yard strike. in the red zone.

for most of Saturday's game would hold until the final pebefore Defiance rallied to riod of the contest. score 16 of its 22 points in the fourth quarter.

scoring in the first quarter Daylon Lange. The ensuing with a 15-play, 64-yard drive 2-point conversion attempt that was capped by a 5-yard succeed and put Defiance touchdown pass from quar- College ahead 14-9.

ari Bighams, the ensuing Jaquan Walker, from John-The Black and Gold led of the first quarter. That lead narrow 311-308 advantage one sack, and two tackles-for-

Mishawaka and Marian High in the end zone. Defiance School, to wide receiver would go on to string togeth-The Manchester University Darren Lathrop, from Lafay- er a 6-play, 80-yard scoring ette and McCutcheon High drive that staked the Yellow Jackets out to a 22-9 lead eight tackles-for-loss and 2.0 After the Yellow Jackets with just over eight minutes to play.

The Spartans would find the end zone before the conclusion of the game as Zac Montgomery connected with Harrington Greer, from South le-for-loss. Marvin Collins, Bend and Riley High School,

in total yards of offense on Saturday. MU threw for 272 30-41 for 186 yards and score while Montgomery ended the day 9-13 for 86 yards.

Darren Lathrop caught 13 passes for 85 yards while

to regain the lead as a pass Joseph Powell, from Beach from Zac Montgomery, from Park, Illinois, and Zion Ben-Knightstown and Mt. Vernon ton High School, had seven High School, was picked off receptions go for 52 yards. Nine different players had at least one reception against the Yellow Jackets.

Manchester's defense had sacks. Kobe Roberson, from Michigan City, had 10 tackles while Nick Tillmann, from Lawrenceburg and East Central High School, had seven tackles. Both had one tackfrom Riviera Beach, Flordia, and Palm Beach Gardens The Black and Gold held a High School, had six tackles,

Manchester will now gear After a Spartan turnover, yards. Bryce Tomasi finished up for the Bronze Ball game against rival Anderson on Saturday, March 27. Kickoff from Anderson is slated for 1:30 p.m. Dillon Bender is the sports infor-

Harrington Greer hauled mation director for Manchester

Hanover shuts out MU women's soccer

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's soccer team dropped a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) matchup to Hanover College on Saturday, March 20, in Spartan Stadium.

The Panthers shut out the Spartans 4-0 to improve to 5-0 on the season.

by scored the first two Ha- chester University.

nover goals in the 39th and 67th minutes. Maggie Day would add a goal in the 73rd minute while Molly Johnson tallied a goal in the 75th min-

Manchester (0-5) will travel to rival Anderson University on Wednesday, March 24. Kickoff from Anderson is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports Hanover's Autumn Booth- information director for Man-

Men's tennis drops HCAC opener to Rose-Hulman

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's tennis team dropped its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener to visiting Rose-Hulman this afternoon by a final score of

The Engineers took all doubles matches to begin the match. RHIT followed with 6-0, 6-0 victories at no. 2 and no. 4 singles. Trevor Johnson, from Aus-

tin, won a pair of games in the

opening set of his no. 6 singles matchup against Rose's Arudrra Krishnan. Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School, and Connor Glenn, from Middlebury and Northridge High School, also won a game in the opening set of their singles matches.

Manchester (2-5,HCAC) traveled to Anderson on Tuesday, March 23.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

NCAA tourney madness hasn't disappointed

By JIM LITKE Associated Press

Considering how everything else has gone this past year, March was bound to be mad. So far, it hasn't disap-

pointed. The last perfect NCAA Tournament bracket was busted before the first round was over. The second round just wrapped with an even dozen upsets already in the books - a record for the opening 48 games and just one shy of the mark for the entire tournament – with all kinds of possibilities still out

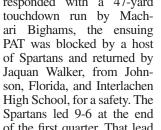
"You gotta bring that fire," said Gonzaga big man Drew Timme, whose team is the tournament's overall top seed. "Because all it takes is one good game and you can be out.'

Oklahoma, in fact, played at different times. a very good game against Timme's Bulldogs and still got crushed, 87-71. So did No. 10 Maryland, bounced by No. 2 Alabama 96-77, and fifth-seeded Colorado, sent packing 71-53 by No. 4 Florida State.

Ditto for the five other teams that lost Monday – by the lopsided average of 18 points.

Sixth-seeded USC beat No. 3 Kansas by 34, but failed to meet the NCAA definition of an upset: "defined as a win by a team seeded five spots lower than their opponent." No. 7 Oregon's win over second-seeded Iowa qualified, even though it was by "only" 15. No. 1 seed Michigan finally wriggled free of LSU, No. 6), Oregon (7), UCLA 86-78, in the day's only really close game.

any year, but never moreso be in disarray. Suddenly, than in this one. The pan-though, they look like ring-rey Kispert. Most important, he concluded after the win demic wreaked havoc on ers descending on the local perhaps, they were among nearly every team, but hit country club for those annual the best at handling the dis-



the Yellow Jackets capital-Manchester opened the ized with a 5-yard run from

The Spartans were unable in nine passes for 64 yards. University.

Armando L. Sanchez / Chicago Tribune / TNS

Loyola knew it was in the tournament. It was assured of that after winning the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. But they celebrated like it was breaking news during a watch party with fans at Gentile Arena when the TBS telecast announced "Loyola-Chicago" was set to play Miami in the first round of the tournament in Dallas. Forward Aundre Jackson, a Texas native, called his mom from the stage he sat on with teammates to share the joy.

Kansas, for example, had who cleared the COVID-19 day before he came off the Big Ten Conference got nine invites and is down to Michigan. West Coast teams, often this is the last time I'll put overlooked and rarely overrated, may have finally benefitted from being underrated bad I wasn't able to lead this this time around.

lock to be the tourney's top seed, but the rest of the Left (11) and Oregon State (12), all Pac-12 Conference mem-

tournaments.

Oregon gambled by playone star, David McCormack, ing up-tempo out of the gate and focusing its defense on protocol just hours before every Hawkeye but Luka its first-round game, and Garza, everybody's player another, Jalen Wilson, just a of the year. Garza wound up with 36 points in the final bench against USC. Wide- game of a storied college caly considered the toughest reer, but it was clear by halfleague this past season, the time even he couldn't beat the Ducks by himself.

on this jersey," Garza said, fighting back tears. "I feel team where it needs to go. ... Unbeaten Gonzaga was a It's something that's going to haunt me forever."

Coast contingent that made in the first two rounds, Gonit to the Sweet 16 – USC (a zaga still looks like the class of the field. The Bulldogs are balanced, deep, capable of playing fast or slow and have get another one, we're going Seedings can seem off in bers – were supposed to two of the best players in the game, Jalen Suggs and Co-

some harder than others, and member-guest handicap golf ruptions of a rocky season as it began, then progressed and seem even more comfortable in the midst of all the craziness swirling around the tournament now.

Much of the credit deservedly belongs to coach Mark Few, who has won just about everything but the national championship that would validate all those other achievements. The Bull-"It hit me all at once that dogs play Creighton next, in their sixth straight Sweet 16 appearance, on a roll of 32 straight wins dating to last season, but Few won't let his players get caught up looking too far ahead.

'We've been celebrating For all the chaos unleashed every one of these wins. We celebrated the other night. We celebrated this one," he said after beating Oklahoma.

"If we're lucky enough to to celebrate like crazy for that one. This tournament," against Oklahoma, "needs to

be celebrated.'

Women's tennis drops HCAC opener to RHIT on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester women's tennis dropped its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) opener to Rose-Hulman 9-0 Saturday afternoon at the MU Tennis

Karly Eichenauer, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, battled in a hard-fought matchup at no. 1 singles against Rose-Hulman's Fanny-Jane Banda. Eichenauer won three games in the opening set and four games in the second set

before falling 6-3, 6-4. Natalie Kotlin, from Lowell, Rebecca Porterfield-Winstead, from Durham, North Carolina, and Carolina Friends School, and Michayle Rasbaugh, from LaGrange and Lakeland High School, all won a game in the opening sets of their singles matches.

The Spartans (0-7, 0-1 HCAC) traveled to rival Anderson on Tuesday, March 23. Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

RHP Hendricks to start on opening day for Cubs

CHICAAGO (AP) — Chi-Ross selected Kyle Hendricks to start on opening day last season, and it worked out quite well.

He sees no reason to make a change this year.

Ross announced Tuesday that Hendricks will get the ball when the Cubs begin the season against Pittsburgh on April 1 at Wrigley Field. The right-hander tossed a three-hitter in a 3-0 victory over Milwaukee on opening

day last summer. "I feel like we've got a lot of talent," Ross said. "I feel like Kyle, his resume, his leadership, his poise, all that goes into being the opening-day starter, just the extra pomp and circumstance that goes with opening day, especially this coming year as well, every arrow points to Kyle.'

Ross said he wasn't ready cago Cubs manager David to announce the order for the rest of his starting pitchers. Chicago also has Jake Arrieta and Zach Davies, and Trevor Williams, Alec Mills, Adbert Alzolay and Shelby Miller are in the mix for the last two spots. But there is no question about the leader of the rotation, especially after the Cubs traded Yu Darvish to San Diego in December. The 31-year-old Hendricks,

known for his precision, control and professor-like demeanor, is making his second opening-day start. He went 6-5 with a 2.88 ERA in 12 starts during the pandemic-shortened season, helping Chicago win the NL Central. "I just try and be the same

guy I've always been," Hendricks said. "I want the guys to be able to trust what they're going to get out of me."

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Teen confides in stepmom, but swears her to secrecy

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful 17-year-old stepdaughter, "Amelia," recently became sexually active. She's in a "serious" relationship with the boy she had sex with. They have been together for six months, and from what she's told me, they both gave each other their virginity and protection

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was used. She has not disclosed this to her parents.

My husband and Amelia are very close. but she and her

mom recently had a falling-out. Amelia pledged me to secrecy, and I immediately scheduled her to see an OB/GYN to get her on birth control.

My question is, should I tell my husband? I feel awful not telling him, but she has told me she doesn't want either of her parents to know. I'm grateful she comes to me for things like this, but eventually, it's going to come out when my husband sees the explanation of benefits from the insurance.

Amelia's mom and I have a solid relationship, and my husband and her mom also have a good one. I don't want to keep secrets regarding their daughter, but I don't want to betray my stepdaughter either. Please help. – Struggling Stepmom

DEAR STEPMOM: It isn't necessary to betray your stepdaughter's confidence to get her the help she needs. Go online to plannedparenthood.org, locate the nearest Planned Parenthood clinic and share that information with Amelia. The organization provides a wide range of low-cost services to women and men, including family planning, STD diagnosis and treatment, and birth control on a confidential basis. You should also encourage Amelia to discuss this with her parents. She is behaving responsibly in wanting to protect herself.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for decades, but 10 years ago she had, at the least, a texting affair with "Brad," a longtime friend of her brother's. Her brother, who knows about the affair, lives on a large tract of land owned by their father. Brad is there often to go hunting with her brother. My wife and I used to visit frequently, but now there is some concern that Brad might be there and we'll have a conflict, so we don't go as much. The affair was very upsetting to me, but my wife insisted we keep it quiet so her brother could continue his friendship with Brad.

Over the years, she has occasionally had online contact with Brad and even told him that she appreciated him talking with our son because our son has few friends. But now our son, who knows nothing about the affair or how bad it hurt me, has become friendly with Brad. It is very difficult hearing him talk about things they do together. Should we tell our son about the affair? - Still Hurt In Texas

DEAR STILL HURT: Tempting as it may be to "out" your wife to your son, keep that information to yourself. I question the wisdom of Brad having been encouraged to cultivate a relationship with your son since this friendship is the fruit of that decision. Because you prefer not to hear what your son and Brad are doing, the next time it comes up, change the subject. He may or may not catch on and question you about the reason, but if he does, all you need to say is you'd rather not discuss it.

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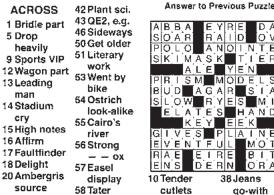
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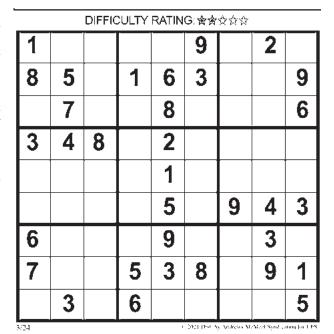
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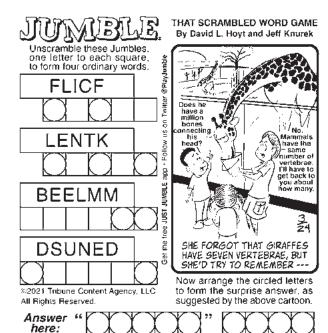


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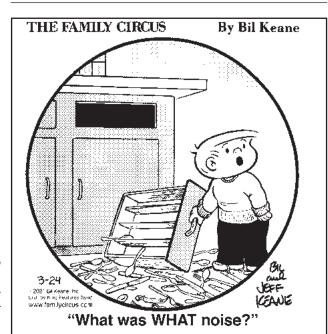
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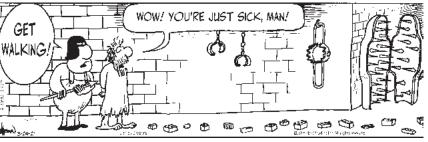
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Most profound pardon is what Jesus Christ has offered to humanity - a pardon of sin

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been throughout time, there are those who actually refused a pardon. From the records of the U.S. Supreme Court comes such a story of defiance. In 1829, a man named Wilson was indicted for robbing the mail and endangering the life of a

government mail carrier. Wil-

son was tried and sentenced to

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Jackson issued him a pardon.

The man refused it and chose

death by hanging rather than

receive forgiveness.

of sin. Many refuse Him but Jesus stands ready to forgive and has paid the penalty for man's crimes against Him. The Bible declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin (see Galatians 3:22). In the midst of all our sinning, though, God is willing to forgive us, and give us a new power to overcome that sin. Chuck Colson, a former pris-

oner himself, had a tremendous ministry reaching pris-

The most profound pardon oners with the saving Gospel is what Jesus Christ has of- of Jesus Christ. Many people fered to humanity – a pardon will be in Heaven whose lives have been transformed because of the message that penetrated hardened hearts. When inmates find themselves alone in their cells, the Gospel message can still continue to work in the human heart.

God's great rescue mission brings freedom to those imprisoned, whether inside or outside prison bars. "Preach the gospel to the poor... [and] proclaim liberty to the captives" (Luke 4:18).

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- Romans 11:33-36

Progress on vaccinations illustrates benefit of leadership, American grit

mericans have an Americans nave and extraordinary ability to overcome a crisis, especially when they're led by capable people.

Our fortitude and ingenuity were on full display Friday with the report that more than 115 million COVID-19 vaccinations had been administered to Americans.

What a remarkable accomplishment. Just 58 days after President Joe Biden took office, the nation blew past the goal that Biden set Dec. 8 to distribute 100 million vaccines in the first 100 days of his administration.

That objective seemed outrageous when Biden announced it, given that the United States had yet to authorize a single vaccine at that time. The approval came three days later, and the first Pfizer-BioNTech shot was administered Dec. 14. Now, in just a little over three months, more than 75 million Americans have received at least one shot of the three authorized vaccines now in distribution. and 41 million are considered fully vaccinated. We're racing along at an average of 2.2 million doses per day.

This is what happens when competent leaders occupy the government. America is seeing the night-and-day difference between leadership that focuses on working for the people as opposed to working solely in the interests of a puffed-up, would-be autocrat. We're seeing how much we can accomplish under an administration that understands how government works and knows it can be used for good, versus one

with a single-minded mission to destroy it.

It's a refreshing reminder of what America can accomplish when the country sets its mind to a task.

We can only wish such competent governance had been in place before 400,000 Americans died under the amateur hate machine masquerading as leadership last year.

Now, though, the nation is experiencing the results of voters sweeping Democrats into office in November. Our post-pandemic recovery is underway, we can see light at the end of the tunnel and normal life is on the horizon.

In Nevada, where Gov. Steve Sisolak announced Thursday that the state had hit the 1 million-dose level in vaccinations, we've gone from 25 percent capacity to 50 percent at most businesses in recent weeks and started to return children to school while maintaining a solid handle on our infection rate.

Meanwhile, Las Vegas received some very promising news last week with the announcement that the massive World of Concrete trade show had been approved for in-person operations in June, signaling the return of our critical convention business, if current trends continue.

Another encouraging sign popped up recently when Google Trends reported a huge upswing in searches by Americans for "fully vaccinated travel," with Las Vegas listed as one of the top destinations in those searches.

Think about where we'd be now if the November election had gone differently. Since

the Republican philosophy is to not govern at all, while also rejecting science and undercutting government experts, there's no question our progress would have been weaker and our situation would be

Now, though, it's time for Americans to finish this job by getting vaccinated and sticking with the precautions that remain in place – mask-wearing, hand sanitizing, social distancing, etc.

Challenges remain, in no small part because of the destructive attitudes of GOP extremists in public leadership and the media. That's evidenced in polls showing a large percentage of white male Republicans saying they'll shun the vaccine (for political reasons and over manufactured concerns about the safety of the shots), and false narratives that lockdowns and capacity limits haven't worked and should be completely discontinued.

Let's be abundantly clear: The vaccinations are safe and effective, and capacity limitations have been proven to work well when people comply with them.

In the 2020 election, Americans rebuked the politics of chaos and cruelty, and instead signaled a desire to return to methodical, competent and compassionate leadership.

Friday's vaccination milestone was a direct result of that change. It's a reminder that dedicated government focused on making life better for all Americans is what this country needs and deserves.

- This editorial was first published in the Las Vegas Sun.



A talented team makes all the difference

Tam still asked many Ltimes about how our team is doing in light of COVID-19. Pre-March 2020 we had just finished the successful year of 2019. Our food distribution numbers were trending upward compared to 2018 by over 13 percent. Our new initiatives

Tim Kean



providing strong financial support and our team was moving forward together to grow the impact in support of struggling families. I felt we were in a good place. If you relate it to physical activity and per-

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a reasonable diet When the shutdown occurred and the number of out-of-work people grew by the tens of thousands, we were catapulted into a new reality. We immediately had to pivot into a new mindset that was trying to visualize how to double, triple or quadruple what we had been doing and we had a week or less to figure it out. If you think you are in pretty good physical condition, then you arrive at "boot camp" only to find out you're not as fit as you once thought. We experienced some sore muscles, headaches and raised tension levels. We were experiencing growing pains, new routines and new skill sets. But like many great teams who face challenges, obstacles and roadblocks, this team began to stretch, push and pull together. We began to gain strength and endurance. We began to grow very rapidly and added some great new team members that were recruited for some

additional support. By the end of 2020 we were clearly on a different level of engagement with all our 8-county service area. This also allowed us to take additional steps in programming to target small communities that

rarely have access to resources like the county seats have available. Our team was evolving into a well-oiled machine. They were learning some complicated dance steps without injuring themselves or other team members. Yes, there's an occasional stubbed toe, but we try to practice giving lots of grace. Several new people are making their presence felt in a good way by helping drive impact with the community resources we have been blessed to receive.

Today, this great team is even more capable than it was three months ago. The need for service in all the communities is still as high as it was 6 months ago and we anticipate it to remain high for the rest of 2021. Fewer people are sick, but the number of people out of work is staggering. The recession of 2008 took many years of recovery before there was much to celebrate. I suspect some strong similarities this time around

Looking forward, we have some new plans to roll out, but not until around mid-summer. Our Impact team has all the areas of our current programming growing and has expansion plans before the end of the year. They are being well supported by a strong Warehouse team and an equally talented Philanthropy team. I feel blessed to be part of our Leadership team that is helping chart our course. This team has more than just a strong, well-exercised approach to their workweek, they have determination and grit. A talented team takes time to assemble and makes all the difference when the only option is to get it done correctly, com-

Tim Kean is the President and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, a network of 95-member agencies, programs, 15 Senior sites and 35 schools provide relationship building and food assistance to more than 67,000 low-income people facing daily instability in Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph and Wabash

pletely and on time.

Let's be honest about the COVID relief bill

n March 12, President Biden signed into law another stimulus bill to address the enormous damage done to our economy through COVID-19. There are principled arguments for and against most details of the \$1.9 trillion bill. I feel Con-

Michael **Hicks**



gress could've passed a much smaller bill, maybe half the size, and put in place an automatic second payment should the economy remain at risk through mid-summer. I'd have liked to see fewer regulations tied to spending and I'd have directed a greater

share of money to poorer households, among many other concerns.

I'm not alone in having these pretty reasonable objections. However, anyone arguing for a smaller stimulus must admit that one lesson of the Great Recession is the asymmetry of risk. Too little stimulus is far worse than too much. Moreover, at a time when the U.S. Treasury can borrow at a negative real interest rate, too much stimulus is a fairly low-risk affair.

But, this is not a column about the stimulus, or good faith arguments about fiscal policy. Thankfully, many lawmakers are offering substantive criticisms of the bill. Still many are not, and I write today to call out the worst of the bad faith arguments. The most noxious version of anti-stimulus argument is some version of "the economy is recovering well, and this stimulus is nothing more than a bailout of badly run states.'

Though many of us might feel as if this recession is over, it is not. Among the bottom third of earners, employment is now down 23 percent since

January 2020. Fully one out of every three American families is facing labor market conditions that took almost three years, from October 1929 to Summer 1933, to achieve. For many American households, employment options are really no different than in the Great Depression.

At the rate of employment growth over the past quarter, we won't hit 2019 employment levels until the summer of 2027. Worse still, this final statistic uses Labor Department estimates of unemployment, which likely understate labor market distress by 50 percent. Even after two historically large stimulus bills and record monetary policy easing, our economy appears several years away from full recovery.

Far worse than downplaying the generational damage of the COVID downturn is claiming that this stimulus somehow bails out a few, fiscally reckless states. That is a lie. Payments will mostly be directed to poorer states, without regard to state budget shortfalls. Indiana is a poor state.

In the first round of stimulus, the CARES Act, Indiana residents received some \$8.4 billion, along with another \$2.6 billion to state and city governments. Indiana's elected leaders pride themselves on their fiscal probity. And, if the goal is solely a balanced budget and large reserve, they are right in doing so. But, without the CARES Act and later stimulus, Indiana would've faced its worst budget crisis in state history.

Between lost revenues and extra costs, the 2020 stimulus payments plugged a budget shortfall of close to \$3.5 billion. That's more than a billion dollars higher than our Rainy Day funds balance last January. This does not account for huge tax losses

to local government. The stimulus passed during the Trump Administration kept Indiana from financial catastrophe.

Because of these stimulus payments, the dire need for fiscal relief to state and local governments has eased. What hasn't changed is who will pay disproportionately for this

new stimulus. Residents of every state pay federal taxes, and in return federal tax dollars flow back to each state. But, only eight states pay more federal taxes than they receive back in payments. For every dollar Indiana taxpayers send to the federal government, we get \$1.30 back. We are a top beneficiary of federal government largesse. Moreover, it is useful to compare ourselves to those eight 'donor' states who pay more than they receive in federal taxes.

Among those states, there are not only heavy federal tax payments, but these states tax themselves far more than do Hoosiers. While Indiana collects only \$3,872 per person in taxes each year, the eleven 'contributor states' collect an average of \$6,112 per person. These states also average population growth over the last decade of 6.6 percent, compared to Indiana's 4.2 percent. These 'donor' states spend, on average, 43 percent more per K-12 student than does Indiana. As a result, they enjoy a much better educational attainment, and the typical resident earns 11 percent more per person than do Hoosiers.

Residents of these 'donor' states receive back from federal coffers \$783 per person less than they paid in taxes last year. Folks from Indiana received a whopping \$2,445 per person more in federal spending than they paid in. With the COVID stimulus, Indiana

slid into the eighth most federally subsidized state in the union, stuck right between Missouri and Alabama. We are now ranked well ahead of Mississippi in the amount of federal

support we receive. It is simply untrue that these COVID relief or stimulus bills are bail-outs to irresponsible state governments. They are mostly wealth transfers from more affluent Americans to poorer ones. There's no reason to feel sorry for anyone who is affluent enough to miss the stimulus payment. But, we must keep in mind that it is disproportionately they who will pay for it.

That Indiana ranks eighth among these poorer states is cause for reflection. Hoosier leaders are eager to claim credit for economic success. So, basic integrity requires accepting responsibility for our declining prospects as well. We've now slipped into the bottom of the pack, and are heavily reliant upon the goodwill and largesse of more affluent citizens around the nation.

Hoosiers would be far better off to acknowledge these unpleasant facts about ourselves and learn a few lessons from those states who've been more economically successful. We also need to be honest about what the COVID stimulus does, and does not do. Just a few legislators peddling bad faith criticisms of this legislation are enough to crowd out good faith disagreements. Today our Republic needs more principled, good faith disagreements.

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Officials: Gun in supermarket shooting bought 6 days earlier

By PATTY NIEBERG, **THOMAS PEIPERT** and COLLEEN SLEVIN

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — The suspect accused of opening fire inside a crowded Colorado supermarket was a 21-year-old man who purchased an assault weapon less than a week earlier, authorities said Tuesday, a day after the attack that killed 10 people, including a police officer.

Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa bought the weapon on March 16, just six days before the attack at a King Soopers store in Boulder, according to an arrest affidavit. It was not immediately known where the gun was purchased.

Alissa, who is from the Denver suburb of Arvada, was booked into the county jail Tuesday on murder charges after being treated at a hospital.

Investigators have not established a motive, but they believe Alissa was the only shooter, Boulder County District Attorney Michael Dougherty said.

A law enforcement official briefed on the shooting said the suspect's family told investigators they believed Alissa was suffering some type of mental illness, including delusions. Relatives described times when Alissa told them people were following or chasing him, which they said may have contributed to the violence, the official said. The official was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to AP on condition of anonymity.

The attack was the nation's deadliest mass shooting since a 2019 assault on a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, where a gunman killed 22 people in a rampage that police said targeted Mexicans.

In Washington, President Joe Biden called on Congress to tighten the nation's gun laws.

"Ten lives have been lost, and more families have been shattered by gun violence in the state of Colorado," Biden said at the White

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer vowed to bring forward two Housepassed bills to require expanded background checks for gun buyers. Biden supports the measures, but they face a tougher route to passage in a closely divided Senate with a slim Demo-

cratic majority. The shooting came 10 days after a judge blocked a ban on assault rifles passed by the city of Boulder in 2018. That ordinance and another banning large-capacity magazines came after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida,

that left 17 people dead. A lawsuit challenging the bans was filed quickly, backed by the National Rifle Association. The judge struck down the ordinance under a Colorado law that blocks cities from making their own rules about guns.

Supermarket employees told investigators that Alissa shot an elderly man multiple times outside the Boulder grocery store before going inside, according to the affidavit. Another person was to a car registered to the suspect's brother.



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Healthcare workers walk out of a King Sooper's Grocery store after a gunman opened fire Monday in Boulder, Colo.

How states are seeking to loosen controls on guns

By GEOFF MULVIHILL

Associated Press

Mass shootings in Georgia and Colorado that left at least 18 people dead since last week are reigniting calls from gun control advocates for tighter restrictions on buying firearms and ammunition. But with Democrats in control of the federal government, gun rights advocates have been persuading Republican-run state legislatures to go the other way, making it easier to obtain and carry guns.

How are the politics of gun legislation playing out in the United States this year? Here's the breakdown.

Prospects mixed for legislation

This month, the Democrat-controlled U.S. House of Representatives adopted measures to expand background checks to all gun purchases and expand the time to to vet people flagged in a nationwide background check system.

needed. And that's not a sure thing. States led by Democrats are push-

ing to expand some gun control laws. Maryland lawmakers overrode a veto from Republican Gov. Larry Hogan on a bill that requires background checks for all sales and transfers of rifles and shotguns. Previously, the checks were required only for sales

of handguns and long guns by li-

censed firearms dealers. In Washington state, a ban on high-capacity magazines has stalled, but a measure to ban carrying weapons openly at the state Capitol or during permitted demonstrations has cleared one house of the Legislature

and is awaiting a vote in the other.

to require individual identifiers on cealed or in the open - without a perall bullet casings to include weapons mit under a measure advanced by the used by law enforcement. Proponents say the pending legislation is another attempt to help investigate shootings by police as well as make it easier to solve crimes. Critics say it's based on to carry weapons in public. But 15 unworkable technology.

At least five states also have bills that would require or expand waiting periods before the purchase of a gun.

Nullifying federal laws, pre-empting local ones

Lawmakers in at least a dozen states have introduced legislation that would prohibit local police officers from enforcing any federal gun-control laws that could be passed by congressional Democrats and signed by President Joe Biden. Some of the bills would make officers who do so subject to lawsuits or even criminal charges.

It's not clear if those laws would But to pass in the Senate, the sup- withstand legal challenges. Courts port of every Democrat would be struck down nullification laws passed in GOP-controlled states during former President Barack Obama's tenure.

Some states also are considering bans on future laws or local ordinances that would restrict gun rights. In New Hampshire, Republican lawmakers are pushing a state constitutional amendment that would block the Legislature from restricting gun rights. The amendment ultimately

would need voter approval. Another bill would block local governments from restricting firearms.

Allowing guns in more places

Several states are expanding where people can take their guns.

Most adults over 21 would be al-California lawmakers are expected lowed to carry firearms – either con-

state Senate in Tennessee this month.

Most states require background checks and firearm safety training for people who want to be allowed states already have laws allowing permitless carry for concealed guns. Nine states are considering measures to allow or expand the practice. One was sent Monday to Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, a Republican, for her sig-

In Montana, Gov. Greg Gianforte, the first Republican to hold the job in 16 years, signed a bill that relaxes gun restrictions. It allows concealed firearms to be carried in most places without a permit and expands the list of places where guns can be carried to include university campuses and the state Capitol. Similar measures are being pushed in states that include Oklahoma and West Virginia.

'Stand your ground' gaining traction

In January, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, signed a so-called 'Stand Your Ground" bill that eliminates an individual's duty to retreat before using force.

DeWine acted despite his ongoing criticism of GOP lawmakers for ignoring his own legislation seeking to toughen background checks and boosting penalties for felons committing new crimes with guns. The governor proposed those measures following a 2019 mass shooting in Dayton.

A similar "Stand Your Ground" measure has been approved by the South Dakota Legislature and is awaiting Republican Gov. Kristi Noem's sig-

shoppers and employees scrambling for cover. SWAT officers carrying ballistic shields slowly approached the store while others escorted frightened people away from the building, which had some of its winand employees fled through a back loading dock to safety. Others took refuge in

picture of a chaotic, terrifyaffidavit.

nearby shops.

One caller said the suspect found shot in a vehicle next opened fire out the window tives went to Alissa's home of his vehicle. Others called and found his sister-in-law,

fired on customers. Witnesses described the shooter as gun and wearing blue jeans and maybe body armor.

By the time he was in custody, Alissa had been struck by a bullet that passed dows shattered. Customers through his leg, the affidavit said. He had removed most of his clothing and was dressed only in shorts. Inside the store, he had left Multiple 911 calls paint a the gun, a tactical vest, a semiautomatic handgun and ing scene, according to the his bloodied clothing, the affidavit said.

After the shooting, detecto say they were hiding in- who told them that he had

The gunfire sent terrorized side the store as the gunman been playing around with a scribed his son as a devoted having a black AR-15-style two days earlier, the document said.

> to be owned by the suspect's father. The two-story house with a three-car garage sits in a relatively new middleand upper-class neighbor-

> tified as Eric Talley, 51, who had been with the force since 2010. He was the first to arrive after responding to a call about shots fired and someone carrying a gun, she said.

Homer Talley, 74, de-

weapon she thought looked father who "knew the Lord." like a "machine gun," about He had seven children, ages 7 to 20.

"We know where he is," No one answered the door his father told The Associat the Arvada home believed ated Press from his ranch in central Texas. "He loved his family more than anything. He wasn't afraid of dying. He was afraid of putting them through it.'

The other dead ranged The slain officer was iden- in age from 20 to 65. They were identified as Denny Stong, 20; Neven Stanisic, 23; Rikki Olds, 25; Tralona Bartkowiak, 49; Suzanne Fountain, 59; Teri Leiker, 51; Kevin Mahoney, 61; Lynn Murray, 62; and Jodi Waters, 65.

Report: **Extremist** groups thrive on Facebook

By BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writer

A new outside report found that Facebook has allowed groups - many tied to QAnon, boogaloo and militia movements - to glorify violence during the 2020 election and in the weeks leading up to the deadly riots on the U.S. Capitol in January.

Avaaz, a nonprofit advocacy group that says it seeks to protect democracies from misinformation, identified 267 pages and groups on Facebook that it says spread violence-glorifying material in the heat of the 2020 election to a combined following of 32 million users.

More than two-thirds of the groups and pages had names that aligned with several domestic extremist movements, the report found. The first, boogaloo, promotes a second U.S. civil war and the breakdown of modern society. The second is the QAnon conspiracy, which claims that Donald Trump is waging a secret battle against the "deep state" and a sect of powerful Satan-worshipping pedophiles who dominate Hollywood, big business, the media and government. The rest are various anti-government militias. All have been largely banned from Facebook since

But despite what Avaaz called "clear violations" of Facebook's policies, it found that 119 of these pages and groups were still active on the platform as of Feb. 24 and had just under 27 million followers. Facebook said late Monday that of the 119 that Avaaz found, only 18 "actually violated" Facebook's policies. Four had already been removed before Monday and Facebook has now taken down the remaining 14.

Facebook acknowledged that its policy enforcement "isn't perfect," but said the report distorts its work against violent extremism and misinformation.

The company said in a statement that it has done more than any other internet company to stanch the flow of harmful material, citing its bans of "nearly 900 militarized social movements" and the removal of tens of thousands of OAnon pages, groups, and accounts. It added that it is always improving its efforts against misinformation.

On Thursday, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai are slated to testify before Congress about extremism and misinformation on their platforms.

Facebook has tightened its rules against violence, hate and misinformation in the past year. In October, it banned QAnon groups across its platform. Before that, it would remove them only if they expressly supported violence. It has also banned extremist and militia movements and boogaloo groups with varying degrees of success.

For instance, while Facebook banned "Stop the Steal" groups from its platform, Avaaz - like The Associated Press - found that such groups and the #stopthesteal hashtag remained active on the platform after the purge.

Part of Wright brothers' first airplane on NASA's Mars chopper

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – A piece of the Wright brothers' first airplane is on

NASA's experimental Martian helicopter holds a small swatch of fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer, the space agency revealed Tuesday. The helicopter, named Ingenuity, hitched a ride to the red planet with the Perseverance rover, arriving last month.

Ingenuity will attempt the first powered, controlled 300 million-mile journey flight on another planet no to Mars with the blesssooner than April 8. It will ing of the Wright brothmark a "Wright brothers' moment," noted Bobby Braun, director for planetary science at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, Ohio, the Wrights' hometown, donated the postage-size piece of muslin from the plane's bottom left wing, at NASA's

request.

The swatch made the Lane and Stephen Wright space shuttle Discovery in attached to the rover's belly. great-grandniece and great-grandnephew, said park curator Steve Lucht.

"Wilbur and Orville Wright would be pleased to know that a little piece of their 1903 Wright Flyer I, the machine that launched the Space Age by barely one quarter of a mile, is going

said in a statement provided by the park.

Orville Wright was on board for the world's first powered, controlled flight on Dec. 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The brothers took turns, making four flights that day.

A fragment of Wright Flyer wood and fabric flew to the moon with Apollo 11's to soar into history again swatch also accompanied ate's mortarboard. on Mars!" Amanda Wright John Glenn into orbit aboard

1998. Both astronauts were from Ohio.

NASA's 4-pound helicopter will attempt to rise 10 feet into the extremely thin Martian air on its first hop. Up to five increasingly higher and longer flights are planned over the course of a month.

The material is taped to a cable beneath the helicopter's solar panel, which is Neil Armstrong in 1969. A perched on top like a gradu-

For now, Ingenuity remains

A protective shield dropped away over the weekend, exposing the spindly, longlegged chopper. The helicopter airfield is

right next to the rover's landing site in Jezero Crater. The rover will observe the test flights from a distant perch, before driving away to pursue its own mission: hunting for signs of ancient Martian life. Rock samples will be set aside for eventual return to Earth.

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TRAIL

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Becker said the Wabash River Trail project was the only application they had received from either Wabash County or the Salamonie Lake area in either the first or second rounds of funding.

Next Level Trails is the largest infusion of trail funding in state history, said Holcomb's press secretary Rachel Hoffmeyer. The \$90 million grant program is divided into two components: a \$70 million fund for regional projects and a \$20 million fund for local projects. A total of \$30 million was available for the second round, \$25 million for regional projects and \$5 mil-

lion for local projects.

DNR received second-round applications for 62 projects in 36 counties, requesting a total of more than \$93 million for more than 158 proposed miles of hiking, biking and riding trails. This total included 20 new applications and 42 returning applications from the first round. The DNR reviewed the applications for eligibility, and a multi-agency committee evaluated the proposals based on the Next Level Trails program objectives.

In addition to the \$29.6 million awarded through Next Level Trails, the 18 second-round grant recipients contributed \$21.9 million in matching value, resulting in a \$51.5 million total investment

a minimum 20 percent project match, which can include monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor.

During the televised press conference, Holcomb and the DNR also announced details of the third round of Next Level Trails. A total of \$35 million will be available, including \$25 million for regional projects and \$10 million for local projects. Applications will be accepted starting Nov. 1 and are due to the DNR by Dec. 1. DNR will announce details for an applicant workshop webinar later this year.

For more information, visit on.IN.gov/nextleveltrails.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at in trails. The program requires rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



At Large Councilman John Burnsworth administers the oath because Mayor Scott Long was unavailable.

SWORN IN

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Monroe, who took the oath from Mayor Scott Long on Jan. 1 at the WPD headquarters. From June to July 2020, the WPD began accepting applications for that probationary police officer position. However, that wasn't the WPD's first try at hiring for the job. Benson said their original attempt to fill the position was disrupted due to the current pandemic. Benson said that the opening was from another officer who under Indiana Code, appliresigned several months ago.

"However, we had to postpone the hiring process due to COVID-19," said Benson. Benson said the benefits package includes a probationary salary of \$49,319; career progression incentive pay, longevity and promotional opportunities through the rank structure; take-home car after two years residing within Wabash city limits, comprehensive medical, dental and eye insurance; life insurance; and paid vacation and sick leave. Benson said

cants may not be appointed as a member of the WPD after the person has reached 40 years of age. Benson said under the nepotism clause of Indiana Code 36-1-20.2, a person may not be appointed as a member of the WPD who is related to any officer of the department. Benson said applicants must meet the residency requirements of Indiana Code 36-8-4-2.

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c299182 or https://www.give pulse.com/group/203410.

Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show will be on display from Wednesday, March 24 through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

Local landmark looks to be added to historic register

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

Animal Shelter to pair readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!"

scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sun- and that loads wider than 13 day, May 2 at Southwood Jr.- feet should seek an alternate classy.org/campaign/ Sr. High School, 564 Indiana route using the nearest numhunger-action-month/ 124. For more information, bered state, U.S. or interstate brett.a.robinson1@ email outlook.com.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester's would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close "promptly" at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process **Communication** workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty. com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabash county.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between by Rick Abbot and directed Indiana 13 and Wedcor Ave-

by Brett Robinson have been nue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

COVID-19 testing continues at **Parkview Wabash**

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an on-going basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the firstfloor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit

www.divorcecare.org. Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself.

VACCINE

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Hoosiers age 40 and older, positive cases. they join healthcare workers, long-term care resiscene of an emergency to render medical assistance and educators and school 12 in being eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through es. Thursday at the following locations:

- Elkhart Housing Authority, 1396 Benham Ave., Elkhart.
- River City Church total staff positive cases. Community Center, 2842 Old U.S. 231, Lafayette.
- Floyd County Lazy River Park, 224 W. Daisy Lane, New Albany.

All appointments must be scheduled in advance at Indiana residency and eligibility will be required upon teacher positive cases.

it https://ourshot.in.gov or quire assistance.

School figures

The ISDH's school dashboard was updated Mon-Mondays.

Statewide, 149 schools reported one or more cases and 289 have not reported.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

- Jr./Sr. ■ Manchester High School (MHS) restudent positive cases, 55 total student positive castive cases and nine total On-campus staff positive cases.
- positive cases.
- fewer than five total staff positive cases.
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- Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Sharp Creek Elemen-

total student positive cas- cases on the Fort Wayne es, fewer than five total campus. teacher positive cases and With the expansion to fewer than five total staff

- School (NHS) reported 39 dents, first responders who total student positive casstaff positive cases.
- O.J. Neighbours Elesupport staff through grade mentary School reported seven-day positivity rating 12 total student positive for unique individuals was cases, 10 total teacher pos-The ISDH will host three itive cases and fewer than vaccination clinics from five total staff positive cas- reported five new local
 - reported 12 total student total to 3,377, with 14,469 positive cases, fewer than tests. The local seven-day five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five was 4 percent. The local
 - reported 15 total student 9.7 percent. positive cases, fewer than cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

these clinics; no walk-ins ry School reported fewer tests. The local seven-day will be allowed. Proof of than five each total student positivity rating for all tests positive cases and total

- Southwood To schedule a vaccine, vis- High School (SHS) reported fewer than five new call 211 if you do not have student positive cases, 17 reported three new local access to a computer or re- total student positive cases, fewer than five total positive cases.
- Southwood Elementaday, March 22 with data ry School reported fewer as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, than five each total student for unique individuals was March 19. The dashboard positive cases, total teachis updated weekly at noon er positive cases and total staff positive cases.

On the Manchester Comreported no cases, 1,930 munity Schools COVID-19 dashboard, the only update from the last month was were reported at MHS, with 10 people quarantined.

Schools of higher learnported fewer than five new ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its fewer than five total staff As of Friday, March 19, record. a total of 539 tests were ■ Metro North Elemen- of them being positive. ported cases on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been 11 self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus,

tary School reported six and seven self-reported

Local figures

- On Saturday, the ISDH ■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High reported five new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's are regularly called to the es, six total teacher pos- total to 3,372, with 14,456 itive cases and eight total tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.5 percent. The local 8.8 percent.
 - On Sunday, the ISDH positive COVID-19 cases, ■ Wabash Middle School bringing Wabash County's positivity rating for all tests seven-day positivity rating ■ Wabash High School for unique individuals was
 - On Monday, the ISDH five total teacher positive reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's ■ St. Bernard Elementa- total to 3,379, with 14,472 was 3.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating Jr./Sr. for unique individuals was 9.4 percent.
 - On Tuesday, the ISDH positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's teacher positive cases and total to 3,382, with 14,482 fewer than five total staff tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating 11.6 percent.

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported that 701 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 from March 19, when two through testing at state and positive COVID-19 cases private laboratories. That brings to 679,079 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the ing are not listed on the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 12,553 Hoosiers es, 11 total teacher posi- own, separate dashboard. are confirmed to have died COVID-19 from COVID-19, an intesting began again the crease of 18 from the pre-■ Manchester Elementa- week of Jan. 4. Updates vious day. Another 406 ry School (MES) reported to this dashboard will be probable deaths have been six total student positive made each Friday to reflect reported based on clinical cases, fewer than five total the current week of testing diagnoses in patients for teacher positive cases and and the semester to date. whom no positive test is on

A total of 3,221,661 ■ Manchester Intermedi- performed the previous unique individuals have ate School (MIS) reported week, with 100 percent been tested in Indiana, up eight total student positive being negative. There have from 3,218,401 on Moncases, fewer than five total been 4,469 total tests per- day. A total of 8,681,198 teacher positive cases and formed this semester, with tests, including repeat tests 99.8 percent of them being for unique individuals, have negative, and .2 percent been reported to the ISDH since Feb. 26, 2020.

> To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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"Guests are encouraged to wear masks when moving about the building and during the serving of dinner," said Vanderpool. "Social distancing will be observed if necessary.'

Vanderpool said the purto raise scholarship funds ing shoes.'

for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools.

Vanderpool said followfrom Metzger Auctions in North Manchester "will entice guests with a very entertaining dessert auction."

Vanderpool said D.J. Dave Smith "Smitty" will "spin tunes for those who pose of the Spring Gala is want to try out their danc-

Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City ing dinner, Chad Metzger Hall, 202 S.Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St.

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